# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS

School of Dance Performances

Winter Dances: December 14 & 15, 2000

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"Dance challenges us to explore our boundaries and to celebrate our diversity, uniting people in a common expression of humanity."

- President Bill Clinton

The School of Dance offers professional training leading to a four-year BFA degree in Ballet, Modern, or Jazz; or in Performance/Dance Education; or to a two-year Certificate. Our aspiring young artists are prepared to pursue careers in performance, teaching or choreography. Former students of the School of Dance have gone on to perform with such prominent companies as Alvin Ailey, the Joffrey Ballet, Jose Limon, Bejart, Momix, Philadanco and Rod Rogers. They have also appeared in the Broadway productions of Evita, Cats, and Brigadoon. Alumni have become dance teachers in high schools, colleges, and private dance studios. Graduates have found numerous choreographic opportunities in companies throughout the world and several have established their own companies. The School of Dance is one of the largest dance departments in the United States.

Thank you for sharing this evening with us, we hope you enjoy the performance. The taking of flash photographs during the performance is strictly prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation.

# PROGRAM Thursday and Friday, 7:00 pm

# RYUKYU (OKINAWA DANCE)

Choreography: Isaburoh Hanayagi Assisted by: Connie Vandarakis Music: Japanese classical folk song Costumes: Shotsiku Costume Company

Lighting: Jay Madara

Dancers: Maureen Bolger, Amber Hirsch, Julia Hubara, Jamie Japalucci, Elinor Johnston. Yuki Nakagawa, Amy Pearl, Melissa Toltzis

From the island of Okinawa, Ryukyu, the city's former name, is an elegant dance of welcome.

Isaburoh Hanayagi, the internationally-renowned Kabuki artist from Japan, was first seen in Philadelphia at the opening performance of 2000 FEET. A Celebration of World Dance. Presently in the midst of a one-year artist-in-residence program at the University, Mr. Hanayagi is on sabbatical from his position as professor at Japan's Tamagawa University, where he also heads the Tamagawa Dance and Drama Group.

## TSURI-ONNA (FISHING FOR A WIFE)

Choreography: Jusuke Hanavagi I Music: Koshikibu Kishizawa VI Costumes: Shotsiku Costume Company Lighting: Jay Madara

Dancers:

Daimyo, the Lord - Jaehoon Lim Tarakaja, the Servant - Isaburoh Hanayagi The Wives - Kate Carr and Sarah Yach

Dresser: Katie Jackson

From the Kyogen style theater dance, this play deals with the story of a great feudal lord and his servant and their desire to find wives.

#### FIRST MOVEMENT FROM WESTERN SYMPHONY

Choreography: George Ballanchine

Staging: Lisa Sundstrom

Staging Consultant: Sandra Jennings

Music: Hershey Kay

Costumes: Frankie Fehr after Karinska

Lighting: Jay Madara

Dancers (12/14):

Maureen Bolger, Megan Borderieux, Melvin Clark, Christopher Compton, Nicole Golas, Christina Hedrick, Jennifer Holt, Jessica Latshaw, Todd McQuade, Marc Spaulding, Michael Tindal, Rachel Wentz, April Whalen, Susan Wilcox

Dancers (12/15):

Maureen Bolger, Megan Borderieux, Christopher Compton, Jennifer Dale, Nicole Golas, Christina Hedrick, Kylie Lafferty, Jessica Latshaw, Todd McQuade, Terry Slade, Marc Spaulding, Michael Tindal, Danielle Veach, April Whalen,

Set on a rugged Old West street populated by cowboys and dance hall girls, Western Symphony nevertheless is very much a classical work. The steps Balanchine uses from the traditional ballet vocabulary allude to the steps, formations, and gestures of American folk dancing. The ballet is a striking example of Balanchine's fascination with American themes.

The performance of the First Movement of The Western Symphony, a Balanchine® Ballet, is presented by arrangement with The George Balanchine Trust.

Premiere: September 7, 1954, New York City Ballet, City Center of Music and Drama.

Costumes and music courtesy of the Pennsylvania Ballet with thanks to Roy Kaiser, Artistic Director.

#### ON TAP

featuring

LaVaughn Robinson and Germaine Ingram

Dancers: Jarrodd Beverly, Rana Bonanno, Charissa Chattin, Cheryl Copeland, Jolet Creary, Laura Danelski, Julia Kessler, Melanie McCall, Rachel Wentz, Rachel Zimmerman

The recipient of the 2000 Artist of the Year Governor's Award, Philadelphia born LaVaughn Robinson, has been tap dancing for over five decades. Throughout his career he has opened for Ella Fitzgerald and shared the stage with Cab Calloway, Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra, Billie Holiday, Charlie Parker and others.

During the late eighties he teamed up with his current partner, Germaine Ingram, and the pair were featured in a PBS special, "Gregory Hines' Tap Dance in America," and were proclaimed the fastest feet in the business. Mr. Robinson has been on The University of the Arts School of Dance faculty since 1980.

# INTERMISSION

## **MOVIN' ON**

Choreography: George Faison Music: Betty Carter

Lighting: Jay Madara

Dancers: Janelle-Marie Ardrey, Johnny L. Boyd II, Carrie Brzezinski, Melvin Clark, Michael Courtney, Bellamy Eure, Rebecca Farrell, Leslie Frye, Monique Haley, Amy Karlein, Casey Manall, Erin C. Quinn, Irene Razze, Marc Spaulding, Erin Sullivan, Datjwan Woodland

George Faison won a Tony and Drama Desk Award for "The Wiz" and was nominated for another Tony for "Porgy and Bess" at Radio City Music Hall. He has been a driving force in the theater as well as film, video television, concert dance and concert staging for more than twenty years. He has staged concert appearances and music videos for performers at the pinnacle of American popular music, including Natalie Cole; Betty Carter; Roberta Flack; Aretha Franklin; Dionne Warwick, and Stevie Wonder, among others.

# KATSUSABUROH RENJISHI (LION FATHER AND SON)

Choreography: Jusuke Hanayagi I Music: Katsusaburoh Kinega

Costumes: Shotsiku Costume Company

Lighting: Jay Madara

Dancers: Isaburoh Hanayagi and Yoshigosaburoh Hanayagi

This famous Kabuki dance expresses the fury and struggle of a Lion Father and his Son. It is an ancient story of a Father who drives his Son from the mountain in order to make him strong in the world of lions. The two are tied firmly by their familial bond, and the Father knows his Son will one day return to the mountain stronger and wiser.

Yoshigosaburoh Hanayagi, an honored and celebrated Kabuki Master, has been performing, choreographing, and teaching the art of Kabuki for fifty years, and has appeared across the globe, from Australia to Russia, Hong Kong to Monaco, as well as the United States.

# SANJOH TAKO BAYASHI (KITE DANCE)

Choreography: Isaburoh Hanayagi Music: Japanese classical folk song Costumes: Shotsiku Costume Company Kite: painted by the children of the "Project Learn" School Lighting: Jay Madara

Dancers: Kate Carr, Amanda Jo Harpold, Zazi Millett, Arthur Prysock, Sarah Yach

Five dancers tell the story of a kite "competition" between a farmer and a soldier at an annual festival.

# AIRS

Music by: G.F. Handel

Excerpts from Concerto Grossi, Opus 3, nos. 2, 3, 4a & 4b, 6;

Alcina, Ariodante, Berenice and Solomon

Choreography: Paul Taylor

Staged by: Ruth Andrien and Pat Thomas

Costumes: Gene Moore

Lighting: Jennifer Tipton, executed by Jay Madara

(First performed in 1978)

Michelle Boyle, Jennifer Holt, Julia Hubara, Rhea Patterson Christopher Compton, Rashan Jackson, Marc Spaulding Overture: Concerto in F Major, Op. 3, No. 4a – Allegro

Concerto in B Major, Op. 3, No. 2 – Largo Full Cast
Concerto in D Major, Op. 3, No. 6 – Vivace Full Cast
Concerto in G Major, Op. 3, No. 3 – Adagio
Overture to Ariodante — Alla Gavotta Michelle Boyle & Marc Spaulding
Overture to Berenice – Movement III Full Cast
$\label{eq:concerto} \mbox{Concerto in F Major, Op. 3, No. 4b-Allegro} \\ \mbox{Summarian}. \mbox{Musette: Julia Hubara \& Rashan Jackson Overture to Alcina}$
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba Full Cast
Dream Music (Entrée des Songes Agreables)

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#### SCHOOL OF DANCE

Susan B. Glazer, Director Kevin Linehan, Assistant Director M. T. Rice-Whittaker, Secretary

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Peter Bertini Shimon Braun

George Faison

Ronen Koresh

Molly Misgalla

Wayne St. David

### **MODERN DANCE**

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Nancy Kantra Gabriel Masson

Fave Snow

Pat Thomas

# TAP DANCE

Robert Burden Joan Lanning

LaVaughn Robinson

# **AFRICAN DANCE**

Jeannine Osayande

# **BRAZILIAN DANCE**

Peter Bertini

#### **DANCE STUDIES**

Lisa Bardarson, Improvisation Nina Bennahum, Dance History Peter Bertini, Dance Notation, Senior Production

Senior Production
Annette DiMedio, Language of
Music.

Music Survey

Manfred Fischbeck, Music for Dancers.

Improvisation

Lisa Fox, Fitness and Health Susan Glazer, Dance Education Terry Greenland, Voice Nancy Kantra, Yoga,

Dance Education

Neil Kutner, Theater Functions Brie Neff, Pilates Mat Class

Pearl Schaeffer, Pedagogy

Wayne St. David, Composition Leah Stein, Contact Improvisa-

tion Elise Tropea, Dance Therapy Connie Vandarakis, Anatomy,

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Education, Kinesiology

Kinesiology

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#### Credits:

Production Director: Susan B. Glazer Production Associate: Kevin Linehan Technical Director/Lighting Design: Jay Madara Stage Manager: Travis Mesman Assistant Stage Manager: M.T. Rice-Whittaker Sound: Timothy Crawford



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